United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Washington

In re: Case No. 18-03197-FPC GIGA WATT INC Chapter 7

Debtor(s)

Chapter

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Dated: December 11th, 2020



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In re:	Case No. 18-03197-FPC11
GIGA WATT INC.,	ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR STAY
Debtor.	

THIS MATTER came before the court on Creditor Jun Dam's Motion for Stay Pending Appeal of the Order Approving the Sale of Moses Lake Equipment and Approving Bid Procedures (the "Motion") (ECF No. 769). After reviewing the Motion, considering arguments and testimony from the October 19, 2020 and December 10, 2020 hearings ("the Hearings"), the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders as follows:

1. On September 23, 2020, Chapter 11 Trustee Mark Waldron filed a Motion for Order: (I) Approving the Sale of Moses Lake Equipment and Related Relief, (II) Approving Bid Procedures, and (III) Shortening Time to Object. (ECF No. 720).

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- On October 19, 2020, the Court held a hearing on the Trustee's
 Motion for Order Approving Sale.
- 3. On October 20, 2020, the Court entered Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Support of the Order Approving the Sale of Moses Lake Equipment and the Order Approving the Sale of Moses Lake Equipment. (ECF Nos. 764, 765). These Findings of Fact are incorporated herein.
- 4. On October 22, 2020, Mr. Dam filed the Motion, but failed to note it for hearing. (ECF No. 769).
- 5. On October 23, 2020, Mr. Waldron filed a Chapter 7 Trustee's Report of Sale of the Moses Lake Inventory/Equipment (ECF No. 776). In the report the Trustee reported that: he conducted a telephonic auction on October 22, 2020; the equipment was sold for \$112,000 to Soluna Technologies, Ltd.; he received the proceeds of the auction sale; and the sold equipment was delivered to Soluna.
- 6. On October 26, 2020, the Court issued a Notice re: Failure to Note Motion for Stay Pending Appeal, which notified all interested parties that the Court would not consider the Motion until proper notice was given pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rules 2002-1(a), (b), and (c). (ECF No. 781). Mr. Dam did not serve or file notice for the Motion until October 30, 2020. (ECF No. 794).
- 7. When a motion for stay is filed concerning property that has been sold, the motion for stay is moot because effective relief is no longer possible. *In re* ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR STAY Page 2

Akhlaghpour, 2018 WL 3357367, at *2 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. July 9, 2018); see also Glacier Valley Tours, LLC v. Estate of Smith (In re Glacier Valley Tours, LLC), 2010 WL 6259996 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Apr. 9, 2010).

- 8. As a result of the consummation of the sale of the equipment before Mr. Dam even noted the Motion for hearing, the Motion was moot. Even if the Motion was timely filed, Mr. Dam presented no evidence that would justify a stay.
- 9. "A stay is not a matter of right, even if irreparable injury might otherwise result." *Virginian R. Co. v. United States*, 272 U.S. 658, 672 (1926). It is instead "an exercise of judicial discretion," and "[t]he propriety of its issue is dependent upon the circumstances of the particular case." *Id.*, at 672–673.
- 10. "The party requesting a stay bears the burden of showing that the circumstances justify an exercise of that discretion." *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 433–34 (2009).
- 11. When determining whether to grant a stay, the Court considers four factors: (1) whether the stay applicant has made a strong showing that he is likely to succeed on the merits; (2) whether the applicant will be irreparably injured absent a stay; (3) whether issuance of the stay will substantially injure the other parties interested in the proceeding; and (4) where the public interest lies. *Hilton v. Braunskill*, 481 U.S. 770, 776 (1987).

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- 12. After considering the evidence, including sworn testimony of the Trustee and Mr. Dam at the October 19, 2020 hearing, the Court concluded that Mr. Dam's objection to the sale lacked merit. (ECF Nos. 764, 765). Since October 19, 2020, Mr. Dam has not presented arguments or evidence that would change this conclusion. Therefore, the Motion fails to satisfy the first *Hilton* factor.
- 13. Mr. Dam will not be irreparably injured absent a stay because he never had an ownership interest in the equipment that was sold. Also, the Court found that the sale price and the overbid process for the sale were reasonable. Therefore, the Motion fails to satisfy the second *Hilton* factor.
- 14. For the reasons described in previous Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (ECF No. 764), the value of the property that was sold would have been lost if there was delay in consummating the sale. As a result, all interested parties would be substantially harmed if the sale had not occurred. Therefore, the Motion failed to satisfy the third *Hilton* factor.
- of Moses Lake Equipment and Related Relief, (II) Approving Bid Procedures, and (III) Shortening Time to Object (ECF No. 765). The sale property was fungible electronic equipment and the sale of such equipment did not adversely affect the public. Moreover, creditors of the Giga Watt bankruptcy benefited from the sale. Therefore, the Motion failed to satisfy the fourth *Hilton* factor.

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- 16. At the hearing on December 10, 2020, Mr. Dam raised new objections to the sale. These late objections included an objection to the form of the order approving the sale and an objection to the Trustee's selection of attorney. Notwithstanding the failure to timely raise and provide notice of these new complaints, the new objections provide no basis for granting the Motion.
- oral motion for sanctions against Mr. Dam because Mr. Dam has failed to follow court rules and has arguably represented other parties, despite the fact he is not licensed to practice law. At this time, the Court will not address sanctions against Mr. Dam. If the Trustee files a written motion for sanctions against Mr. Dam, after proper notice, the Court will consider such a motion.
- 18. Mr. Dam has failed to meet his burden of showing that the circumstances justify the relief requested.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED:

The Motion (ECF No. 769) is **DENIED.**

///End of Order///

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